THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Karnataka had recommended the 96.7 MW Nanjangud Combined Cycle Power Project (CCPP) of M/s. IPS Power Company and 164.37 MW Mandya CCPP of M/s. Mandya Power Partners Private Ltd., to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for techno-economic clearance (TEC). The projects are based on Naphtha as the fuel. The projects could not be accorded TEC, mainly, because they envisage use of Cauvery water, and the Central Water Commission did not clear the schemes as Inter-State aspects were pending before the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for these schemes were, therefore, returned by CEA. These proposals could be considered for TEC by CEA after the necessary inputs such as water availability, completed capital cost and views of the Government of Karnataka on the use of Naphtha as the fuel are tied up.

Rural Electrification Programme

2307. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages proposed to be electrified during the current budget year, State-wise;

(b) the cost of the project; and

(c) by when all the villages are proposed to be covered under Rural Electrification Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) State-wise details of villages proposed to be electrified during the current budget year are given in the Statement enclosed (See below). Besides, Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources have also planned to electrify 500 remote villages during the current financial year.

(b) According to Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the average cost of electrification of a village works out to Rs. 6 lakhs in plain areas and Rs. 15 lakhs in Special Category States. The average cost of

electrification of a remote village works out to Rs. 20 lakhs according to Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources.

(c) In the Chief Ministers' Conference held on 3rd March, 2001, Government had resolved to complete village electrification by the end of tenth Plan *i.e.* by 2007.

Statement

Proposed physical targets for States for village electrification during 2002-03

State	Target for 2002-03
Arunachal Pradesh	131
Assam	1067
Himachal Pradesh	22
Manipur	3
Meghalaya	89
Nagaland	1
Uttaranchal	638
Sub-total	1951
OTHER STATES	
Bihar (including Jharkhand)	3512
Chhattisgarh	329
Madhya Pradesh	44
Orissa	1673
Uttar Pradesh	3274
West Bengal	1545
Sub Total	10377
Sub Total of Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources	500
Total (All India):	12828